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FOR A MONUMENT TO MARY, THE
MOTHER OF WASHINGTON.

To-morrow (Sunday) evening, at 8 o'clock the military order of Washington will hold their magnificent memorial services at the Lincoln Monument. The net proceeds will be devoted to the purpose of building a monument to MARY WASHINGTON, the mother of the first President of the United States, and the Father of his Country. The people of this country owe it to the memory of the mother of Washington that her long-neglected grave should be marked by an appropriate monument, with a suitable inscription thereon.

In 1833 SUSAN E. BROWNS of New York began the building of a monument. President ANDREW JACKSON laid the cornerstone in May of that year. The monument was erected, but the obelisk was never completed, owing to Mr. BROWNS' death. The monument is now in the hands of the Mary Washington Memorial Association, which has been organized with a view to building a monument to MARY WASHINGTON, the mother of the first President of the United States, and the Father of his Country. The people of this country owe it to the memory of the mother of Washington that her long-neglected grave should be marked by an appropriate monument, with a suitable inscription thereon.

MARY BALL, the second wife of ANTHONY WASHINGTON, and the mother of GEORGE WASHINGTON, was the daughter of COLONEL JOSEPH BALL of Westmoreland, Pa. She was born in 1706; married March 6, 1730, and died August 25, 1789. She was buried on her own plantation, Kentmere, near Fredericksburg. The BALLS were of English descent, and there are weighty reasons for believing that the mother of WASHINGTON was the lineal descendant of JOHN BALL, the "mild preacher of Kent," the medieval champion of the rights of man, whose head was cut off two centuries ago by order of ROBERT II. for championing the cause of the people in the fight against feudalism.

Of all the appeals made to the American people, this effort to honor the memory of MARY, the mother of WASHINGTON, is the most touching and convincing. It is the heart of every man, woman and child in the land to its inmost depths. The response should be an immediate and magnificent patronage of the enterprise in question, and a large and popular subscription in addition. The program will be a beautiful and impressive one, and the MARY BALL will furnish the music. Let every one who possibly can.

THE CRITIC CANARD OF THE season enjoyed so brief a space of life and perished in such neglect and wretchedness as the esteemed *Post* CLEVELAND story of Friday morning. It may almost be said to have been dead when it was born. The *Post* came out with its yesterday's double leads, scarce headlines, and all the usual theatrical effects that are employed to give to a counterfeit presentment the semblance of reality. And, notwithstanding this, the *Post* returned to its charge again to-day, and, even though its lifeless founding and thanking heaven that enterprise and skill and judgment inspired should be so royally rewarded, Great and enviable are the joys of infatuation!

There is an overwhelming volume of evidence to the effect that the *Post*'s story is even the faintest vestige of authority or even probability to support it. Not a single one of Mr. CLEVELAND's friends believed it. Mr. WHITNEY laughed at it; every one who might be supposed to know anything of Mr. CLEVELAND's plans treated it as a fourth-rate joke. But it is not necessary to recapitulate the vast and crushing volume of discredit heaped upon the fake. We now have Mr. CLEVELAND's own repudiation of it, couched in no uncertain terms, and, on being asked if he intended to write such a letter as the *Post* said he intended writing, Mr. CLEVELAND, speaking to the representative of the New York Herald, said:

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Heart of the East and Power of the West. Mr. PIERCE even went so far as to try to get the language of Sir G. W. S. SNAPE, K. Q., describing the work of our diplomats, and was cruel enough to compare the effort of the *Times*'s own man in plain clothes to the society column in the *Washington Star*."

It is FAIRLY clear that a Republican form of government is not enjoyed by the citizens of Georgia, Va., and that the failure of the Force bill is already beginning to bear bitter fruit. A party of young descendants of Revolutionary soldiers thought they would send a Mr. PIERCE to the White House. The happy groom returned the compliment with a lead of No. 1 shot in a spirit of badinage, "without money and without price." The young gentleman who got the shot felt deeply wounded and threatened to die. Mr. PIERCE kindly gave him up, and, feelingly remarking that he only intended to frighten the factious scoundrel.

THE DEATH OF THE BRAVE MAN, THOMAS R. NEWELL, who was killed at his post of duty, calls attention to the fact that no suitable provision has been made for such cases. By reference to the memorial account of the matter in another column, it will be seen that the family of the deceased is in a very poor state of affairs. A small amount of money, hardly more than enough to pay funeral and other expenses incident to the sad event. Thus a brave and devoted public servant, killed in discharge of his hard and perilous duty, leaves a helpless family without means of support. There could be no more suitable object of aid from the wealthy and charitable of this rich and charitable city. Something should be done for the family of FIREMAN NEWELL. The district of Columbia is a shame that the employees of the District engaged in life-saving occupations and subjected at all times to such terrible jeopardy, should be so ill-provided for in case of injury, and this arrangement should be replaced by a better one. The district of Columbia is a shame that the employees of the District engaged in life-saving occupations and subjected at all times to such terrible jeopardy, should be so ill-provided for in case of injury, and this arrangement should be replaced by a better one.

A CAREFUL PERUSAL of the long list of women's clubs just published fails to reveal the presence and voices of the Daughters of Our Mothers-in-Law. The list of clubs is headed by the "Maiden Aunts of Antiquity," "The Builders of the Kitchen Fire," "The Wearers of Last Year's Bonnets," "The Last Word Society for the Promotion of Peace," "The Reasonable Women's Club," "The Religious Mothers and Imbecile Society for the Distribution of Slippers to Fashionable Preachers." And there are others, also, conspicuous by their absence.

GENERAL SHERMAN AND GENERAL LEE are both dead now. It cannot hurt their feelings to be complimented by General Sir GABRIEL WOLSKLEY.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. M. J. Nee and her daughter of Newark, N. J., are spending a few days in the city.

Captain Cyrus Rowsey Lawler, the popular inspector of the Washington Safe and Lock Company, left town today for Philadelphia and other Northern cities on a single day deposit.

Mr. Samuel Williams has returned for duty at the Washington Barracks, after three months' sick leave. He will receive his friends on Monday afternoon from 2 to 7 p. m.

Professor Alexander Winchell of the University of Michigan died at Ann Arbor, February 19, of pneumonia.

When Lincoln was assassinated in 1865 the Marquis di Rudini, now Premier of Italy, changed in his honor the name of one of his houses into the name of Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. John di Zerega gave a very handsome pink dinner in honor of Miss Lammont, who has come from Washington for a fortnight. Covers were laid for thirty guests.

The form used by the King of Sweden in addressing the members of Parliament differs from that used by many other rulers. He writes to his subjects as "gentlemen and Swedish men." They end, usually, with "The blessing of God be with you, good gentlemen and Swedish men."

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